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A Thanksgiving Service For The Home

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a day when all members of the family are most likely to be together. Basically, Thanksgiving is a religious holiday, and Christian families should make it one. Your church can help families in this matter by mimeographing the suggestions below and making them available to each family.

PREPARATION — An adult member of the family should read the following thoughts prior to Thanksgiving Day so as to prepare his attitude toward a Thanksgiving service in the home:

"Now sing we a song for the harvest;
Thanksgiving and honor and praise
For all that the bountiful Giver
Hath given to gladden our days."

— John W. Chadwick

Thanksgiving is both a sobering and a joyous time. It is sobering to contemplate God's unceasing care over us, even while we are not mindful or aware of him and his efforts in our behalf. The realization of such encompassing love brings joy and thanksgiving to our hearts.

NEXT, the adult person may wish to plan certain advance steps for a Thanksgiving service.

1. Prior to Thanksgiving Day, during some thoughtful family time (Sunday dinner after morning service at church, or a bedtime hour or family council), discuss holding a Thanksgiving service in your home. Agree on the time when you will worship together. All persons in the home should consent to the plan.

2. Decide whether or not you will include a family walk. A walk is especially desirable if there are pre-school or primary children in the family. Anticipation of an activity provides almost as much joy as the activity itself.

3. Decide whether, as a family, you will make a special Thanksgiving offering to help feed the hungry and clothe the naked of the world.

4. Make plans for a beauty center as the setting for your service. If the Thanksgiving dinner is to have a special centerpiece, you might use it also as the center for your service. Allow for the addition of items found on the family walk. Have at least one fine apple ready to be added.

YOUR FAMILY THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE

FAMILY WALK. If the day permits, walk together outdoors. One purpose of the walk is to notice God's beautiful world. Look especially for signs of autumn. Collect a few reminders of seedtime and harvest.

APPRECIATION OF THE BEAUTY CENTER. If you brought items from your walk, add them. Talk about the individual items and about the beauty of the whole arrangement. Think of the beauty and goodness of God's gifts through nature.

Since the service calls for a clean, polished apple, appoint a member of the family to get an apple from the kitchen, wash, and polish it. If there are several children, each one may take a turn at polishing it. Then set the apple at the summit of the centerpiece.

PREPARATION FOR THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP. Let each member of the family help to complete in his own way this sentence: "We thank God today because . . ."

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

RESPONSIVE READING (the father or another adult will read verses from Psalm 147; someone else will read the responses).

VOICE 1: Verse 1.

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Thanksgiving Fitting Time For Family Thank Offering



Like Thanksgiving, the Family Thank Offering is "an expression of an overflowing heart."

Like Thanksgiving, the Family Thank Offering is a means of responding to the joy we know when we acknowledge that God is the Giver of all life.

Family Thank Offering

Unlike Thanksgiving, which is likely to be concentrated in one day or on one weekend, the Family Thank Offering can express heartfelt gratitude in daily practice.

Family Thank Offering is an over-and-above gift, beyond O.C.W.M. giving. Three over-all projects have been selected as recipients of the 1970 F.T.O.: Community Health (for projects in India, Honduras, Indonesia, Philippines, and Ghana, as well as scholarships for professionals, and training for para-medics), \$100,000; new models of Christian education (starting and sustaining varied educational forms of congregation uses), \$50,000; and scholarship program for continuing education (to help pastors finance in-service training), \$90,000.

Thanksgiving is a good time either to launch the concerns of the Family Thank

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What Is The Church?

Not just the building
Not just the organization . . . the institution . . . the officials;
Not just the clergy;
And most certainly . . . not just an association of exclusive and self-approving people who worship a God who approves only of them.
No! the Church really is . . . what we are
To God—because of Christ . . . to each other and to the world—
on His account
The Herald, Zion U.C.C.
Lincoln, Nebraska

Some Treasures From God

There are so many ills in this world that the earth has no solution with satisfaction for us, but God has given us a gift which brings some of His personal resources for our healing.

He has given us His Book, and after He has given it to us, it is not only His book but has become ours. The Sacred Writings is a piece of ancient literature which we call the Holy Bible. Its contents were given to certain men and women as special messages in the quietness of their devotional hours, and these Holy Persons translated God's word into man's language.

His Word brings us the message of God's love, a love that was deep enough for Him to share His most precious possession with the world of men. His only Son, Jesus, thus became the very expression of the love of God to the superlative degree.

Jesus further extended the gifts of God to human kind for our comfort and our healing. So that when our world tumbles down upon us, whether sorrow, or grief, whether illness or pain, whether frustration or failure, whether the futility of living or the facing of death, the Word of the Lord has a message for us straight from the lips of God, and translated in a language we can understand.

In our day there are so many copies of this divine book that none of us in enlightened America lack for opportunity to read and enjoy and receive comfort and strength. But some of us are so willful that we do not take the few daily moments to have our strength and courage renewed sweet from the mouth of God.

These treasures are yours for the reading. Then by seeking God in prayer, you shall find the treasure our Lord has for you.

—by The Rev. Floyd M. Price
Garden City, Alabama

Calendar Of Prayer Publication Changed

Effective October 1, 1970, the *Calendar of Prayer and Directory* has been discontinued as a separate publication. It will now appear as a part of the Annual Report of the United Church Board for World Ministries, to be published in February 1971.

Meanwhile, in the period from October to March there will be no Calendar. To cover this period, two copies of a poster "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" have been sent to each U.C.C. church. Additional copies are available free from Central Distribution Service, P. O. Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177.

Meaningful Faith For Today Concern Of Lay Life, Work



The importance of the *faith* dimension in the lives of people and churches was the primary concern of the Council for Lay Life and Work when it met in annual session recently at Merom Institute, Indiana.

CLLW members and staff spent many hours considering the importance of a *faith which results in action*. The Friday evening session, led by Norman Jackson of Eden Theological Seminary, challenged each person to think of the kind of church to which he belonged at home, his relation to that group, and "If I could change one thing . . ." Attitudes toward peace, poverty and race in home communities and churches were also discussed.

With this background, the Saturday session focused on the importance of developing a life style where Christian action is based on a deep faith.

Hart Helmich, executive secretary reminded the Council that it has had continuing emphases on: 1. The church as a promoter of change to meet the challenges of our day. 2. the church as a creative user (utilizer) of conflict which inevitably results when changes occur.

He lifted up the new concern as 3. The development of a Christian life style which meets the deep yearning of persons for a faith which will be adequate to enable them to live responsibly in today's world. This will include a church which is a warm, loving, judging, forgiving, supporting community.

Questionnaires reflecting the disparity between beliefs and actions were "tried out" on Council members. It is anticipated that the Planning Cabinet and staff will develop other models, tools, and resource materials which will be helpful as strategies are worked out in and with regions, conferences and local churches in relation to the *faith dimension*.

OVERHEARD AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

"O.C.W.M. means, O Come with Money."

"Pick up all the literature you can, dear. It make great kindling."

"If we just didn't have to go to meetings, we could really enjoy the coffee breaks."

UCC Executive Council Speaks To Pornography

At its recent meeting in Concord, N. H., the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ asserted that "much of the explicitly sexual material now on sale in the United States violates desirable human values and relationships and 'has no moral, educational or socially constructive qualities.'"

The Council called upon local churches and other religious institutions to combat pornography "by making a positive approach to sex education in the home, in public schools and in local churches" as the "most constructive response" to correct conditions.

"The emphasis in sex education should be on a wholesome appreciation of the entire human body and on the respect and love between man and woman that are necessary to the wholesome fulfillment of sexual union," the Council said.

Admitting that "pornography is easy to recognize but hard to define," the Executive Council offered its own definition: "Pornography is the communication or representation of sexual objects or activity which violates the viewer's feelings and beliefs about human values and relationships."

On the basis of this definition, it found much of the currently circulated explicitly sexual material to be "clearly inconsistent with the Christian vision of what the relationship between a man and a woman can and should be."

Parents are asked to familiarize themselves with the explicitly sexual material that is available to their children and to aid their children in making appropriate choices."

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A THANKSGIVING SERVICE — From Page 1

VOICE 2: Lord, we do praise you! We are glad you love us. You are great, but you love us who are small.

VOICE 1: Verse 2.

VOICE 2: Thank you, God, for our country, and for bringing the people of so many nations to our shores. Thank you for farms and roads and big buildings. Thank you for schools and courts of law and churches.

VOICE 1: Verse 3.

VOICE 2: Today we are thankful, dear God, for all that we have received from you. But on this day of rejoicing, let us not forget all the people in the world who are sad and ill and hungry. (Pause)

VOICE 1: Verses 4 and 5.

VOICE 2: How can you remember us while you have so much to watch over? You know what happens farther away than all of outer space. Every star we see, you have known from the beginning!

VOICE 1: Verse 6.

VOICE 2: How can you tell what mood we are in? When we feel sad because others are against us, you cheer us! When we feel silly with success, you sober us!

VOICE 1: Verse 8.

VOICE 2: When we are thirsty, we are glad to drink water. Knowing we need plenty of water, you have given us oceans and clouds, rains, and rivers. When we are hungry, we are glad to eat food. You have given us corn and wheat, fruit and meat.

VOICE 1: Verses 1a and 7a.

VOICE 2: Today the people of our land are thanking you, O gracious God. We, too, praise you here in our home. You have loved us much, and we are glad.

OFFERING THE APPLE

MOTHER: We have placed a clean, polished apple at the very top of our centerpiece. Apples are plentiful in our country, and they are one of our favorite fruits. Before we cut this apple and pass it around, let us bow our heads and thank God for it.

PRAYER: O God, who made the fruit trees and gave us their fruit to satisfy our hunger and thirst, with this one apple we remember the whole harvest of the orchards and fields. Thank you for the beauty of its roundness and its color; for its good taste; and for the strength it brings to our bodies. Bless this apple, O God, as we cut and share it, and bless us as we receive it.

(The mother now cuts the apple, one section for each worshiper. The father continues with the following.)

FATHER: When the apple is cut, you can smell its sweetness in the air. Now it is ready to taste. There is one portion here for each of us. As I pass the plate, let each of us take a portion of the apple and hold it until each one has his. (He pauses while this is done.) Now let each one pass his portion to the person on his left. As we do this, let us remember our love for one another. Let us invite the person on our left to eat our portion of the apple, because we want him to enjoy its sweetness and to gain the strength of its nourishment. (All eat.)

DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (all sing).

FATHER (or another member of the family): As each one has shared this apple with the others in our family, so may we as a family remember to share our good things with our friends and with people all over the world, particularly with those who are hungry.

(If the family has decided to make a special offering, this would be the time to do it. Then sing a song of praise that all know.)

BENEDICTION (by the father): God, bless our home, and bless every person on earth today. Amen.

— from CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER

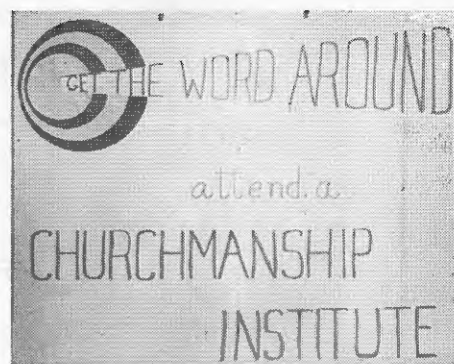
FAMILY OFFERING

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Offering, or to gather in the offerings which families have been accumulating for several months.

Full details of the projects, as well as a

model for an Ingathering Service are in the booklet, "With Heart, with Mind", 1970. Pastors should have copies of this booklet; or you may receive one by writing to the Southeast Conference office. Several of you picked up copies at the Fall Association meetings, too.



The Churchmanship Institutes are under way. For real help in "getting the Word around" — through evangelism, stewardship, education, community outreach, program planning for adults, and youth ministry — attend one or more:

NOVEMBER 15, First Church, Sweetwater, Tenn., Morris Street

DECEMBER 6, United Church, Huntsville, Ala., 7906 Whitesburg Dr., S.

DECEMBER 13, Plymouth Church, Charleston, S. C.

All sessions are from 3 - 5 p. m.

The Christmas Fund Helps All The Year

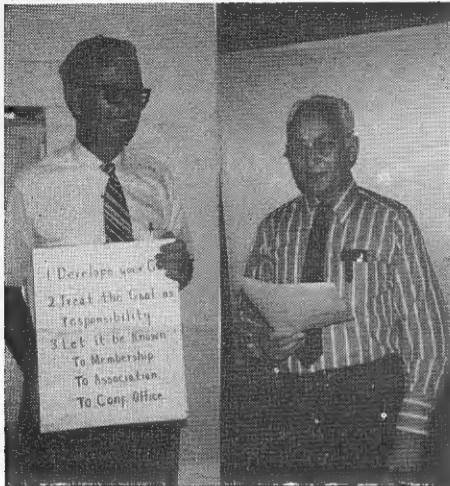
The Christmas Fund appeal is an example of the Church's caring. Because many of our older ministers and their wives served in a day when their salaries were very low, their annuities are correspondingly meager. Thus, they really feel the pinch of inflation and are hard put when emergencies arise.

For nearly 70 years the Christmas Fund has helped meet some of the needs of our retired ministers, their wives or their widows. Christmas checks, sent last year to 853 ministers and widows, do two things: first, they meet some practical needs in limited budgets—for essentials, for emergencies, and for extras otherwise unobtainable; second, the Christmas checks carry a special message for all the senior servants. They convey good will, gratitude, and that priceless ingredient—"you are remembered."

The balance remaining after the Christmas checks are sent becomes the year-round Emergency Fund to help ministers and their families who "cannot go it alone."

Each congregation is asked to plan now to make a generous contribution to the Christmas Fund. Many of our Southeast Conference parsonage families have benefited from it, and others still do.

Fall Association Meetings Held



Top Left: Marvin Brand gives stewardship report.
Right: Moderator Arthur Wallace
Lower: Delegates gather outside New Effort Church

Arthur Wallace Presides At S. Ala.-N. W. Fla. Meeting

Humor and dispatch were combined to make an interesting and happy meeting of the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association meeting, held Saturday, October 10, at New Effort Church, Bonifay, Florida. All agreed that Arthur Wallace was a very effective and efficient Moderator.

Following the opening devotional, led by Mrs. Bennett Teal of Clio Church, and the opening business session, Rev. W. Walter Hall of Lanett spoke concerning work of the Area Council and the need for an Area Minister. His presence, symbolizing the interest and concern of a sister Association, was deeply appreciated.

Following lunch, served by the ladies of the host church, Rev. James Jackson showed the filmstrip, "The I and Thou of It" from the series *Men for Others*, and spoke of the use First Church, Andalusia, had made of the services in connection with a religious emphasis week. Mr. Marvin Brand, of Antioch, Andalusia, spoke on Stewardship, illustrating his concern with charts he had prepared.

The concerns of Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, were brought to the attention of the delegates and visitors by Rev. H. Wayne Peck, Administrator of the Center. Slides and literature helped to illustrate the message. He urged delegates to consider becoming "Friends of Uplands" by agreeing to donate a specified amount annually to the Center's work. If 10,000 people gave only \$1 per year, he said, that would be \$10,000 that the Center does not have now. Of course, there is no objection to larger gifts, either.

During the business session, the following officers were elected: Moderator James C. Jackson; Vice Moderator, Mrs. Marvin Brand; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Leonard Faison; Member-at-Large to Southeast Conference Board of Directors, Gerald Dinkins.

The afternoon's program was closed by the singing of some selections by the Bonifay Church people.

can during the last few weeks of 1970.

The continuing work of Christ's Church really does depend on you!



TOP: Tom Baker (l) and Marie Jones (r) fill out questionnaires.
BOTTOM: Huntsville ladies serving lunch.

Huntsville Scene Of Ala.-Tenn. Association Meeting

About fifty delegates and visitors participated in the Alabama-Tennessee Association meeting held Saturday, October 25, at Huntsville United Church. Although the congregation is without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. James E. Humphrey, the lay men and women worked well to host the Association and even offered the building for any kind of meeting.

Although the meeting reflected the newness of the Association, there was a real air of optimism about its future. The meeting was off to a good start with the Worship Service led by Mrs. Jim Dollard of the host church. Items of business were handled with great dispatch by Moderator William R. Winterbottom and his officers.

Rev. Theodore Braun spoke of the Church's Outreach in terms of Ghana where he and Mrs. Braun had been recently.

There being no Christian Education

It Could All Depend On You!

Will your church reach its goal this year for supporting the various kinds of work of your Conference and the national instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ? The answer could depend on what you do during the next few weeks.

If you want to see your church's ministries adequately supported, here are a few things you can do now:

*Ask your church officers where your church stands in relation to its 1970 goal for giving to O.C.W.M.

*Urge a special, extraordinary effort if it appears likely that the goal will not be reached without it.

*Give as generously as you yourself



TOP: Left to right, W. W. Waldrep, Earnest Shelton, W. J. Andes, and Billy Reed.

BOTTOM: Guy Colbert (l), George Fidler (r), and others enjoy dinner on the grounds.

Committee report, Miss Pitcock asked for a report of the "Committee of the Whole" with each church delegation meeting together briefly on two matters: 1. What have we been doing in Christian education? and 2. What are our greatest needs? Emphasis was on No. 2, so as to help the new Christian Education Committee of the Association determine its priorities.

Rev. Donald P. Flick, Chairman of Outreach, engaged delegates in filling out a questionnaire to determine what each person knows about the Association, and the United Church's witness.

Dr. W. J. Andes brought the meeting to a fitting climax by raising the question, "Where do we go from here?" Financial concerns, the possibility of an area minister and relationships among the churches of the area were among the matters discussed.

Officers of the Alabama-Tennessee Association are: Moderator, W. R. Winterbottom; Vice Moderator, Andrew Cooper; Secretary, Mrs. Marie Jones; Treasurer, Wallace Boothby.

George Fidler New Moderator Of North Alabama Association

At their annual meeting in Robertson's Chapel, Arley, members of the North Alabama Association elected as Moderator for 1970-71, George Fidler, pastor of St. John's Church, Cullman.

Others elected were: Vice Moderator, Richard Waugh; Secretary-Treasurer, Guy L. Colbert; Member-at-Large Southeast Conference Board of Directors, Guy L. Colbert.

W. J. Andes involved delegates and visitors in "opening of the Scriptures," taking his text from passages referring to John the Baptist. John was seen as a "Preparer of the Way" for Jesus Christ—he knew when to fade out of the picture so Jesus could take over.

Robert Shelton was in charge of the Communion Service.

The feature of the afternoon was a Panel on Stewardship, moderated by Mr. Fidler. Participating were: Roy Baine, Robert Partridge, Cecil Pratt, and Layton Wilson, in addition to others on whom the Moderator called, without warning.

Of special interest was the presentation of a \$1,000 check by Caddo Church, Trinity, to the UCBHM as the payment of a grant mortgage. Billy Reed made the presentation through W. J. Andes, Conference Minister. The repayment means that another \$1,000 is available to other churches needing grants. (see top photo).

The ladies of Robertson's Chapel are to be commended for serving not one—but two—meals, and still keeping their sweet dispositions!

First Church, Macon, Host To Ga. - S. C. Association

Delegates and visitors from as far away as Charleston, S. C., Rome, and Thomasville, Ga., gathered at First Congregational Church, Macon, for the First Annual Session of the Georgia-South Carolina Association, held Saturday, October 17. Coffee was served to those who arrived prior to convention time.

Rev. Edward A. Driscoll, Executive Secretary of the Ga. Council of Churches, spoke briefly on COCU, the Consultation on Church Union. Books for study of the proposals were available at nominal cost. Rev. John T. Enwright, Moderator of the Association, and W. J. An-



TOP: Mrs. Homer C. McEwen

BOTTOM: Mrs. Lloyd Long

des, Conference Minister, reported for the Planning Committee of the Southeast Conference. An inspirational message was given by Rev. Karlton C. Johnson, Regional Secretary for the Stewardship Council.

Following lunch, served by the ladies of the church, Mrs. Edward A. Driscoll presided when spokesmen of each congregation spoke briefly to the issue, "My Church—Its Needs!"

Mr. James A. Lewis, Chairman of the Dorchester Improvement Association, McIntosh, Georgia, spoke of the progress of Dorchester Center since its change of operation to a local Committee. He brought along mounted glossy prints to help illustrate his presentation. Rev. Lloyd Long, who was accompanied by Mrs. Long and Mrs. Cunningham, presented slides on the Uplands Retirement Center.

Although not all churches were represented, several who attended commented that it was "the most live Association meeting" in which they had participated.

Officers of the Association are: Moderator, John T. Enwright; Vice Moderator, Mrs. Edward Driscoll; Secretary, Miss Augusta Pettie; Treasurer, Ronald L. Smothers; Member-at-Large Southeast Conference Board of Directors, Floyd Carmack.



TOP: Mrs. Floyd Ballard (l), Moderator Andrew Nelson (r)

BOTTOM (l to r): Mrs. Flora Smith, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Mrs. Russell Baldwin, Mrs. Frankie Blankenship

Group Discussions Feature Central Alabama Meeting

At the October 18 meeting of Central Alabama Association, held at the East Tallassee Church, three group discussions initiated plans for more meaningful Christian witness in churches of the Association.

Taking hold of some ideas being recommended through the Department of Evangelism of the denomination, the discussion group on evangelism hopes the churches will use some of the helpful tools being made available to us through the Southeast Conference Commission on Evangelism. Matters of stewardship were also discussed.

The Group on Association and Missions Matters talked about relationships among the churches, and ways of making Central Association more effective both in the lives of the congregations and in efforts to reach out to witness for Christ.

Those concerned with Christian education expressed concern for a "teachers' institute" to help Sunday School teachers in their work. The feasibility of an Association library was discussed. Tentative plans were also made for an Association-wide meeting and training session for music groups from each church.

Dr. W. J. Andes met with some of the

East Alabama Association Meets At Langdale Church

Although the two-day meeting of East Alabama Association is usually held in two different churches, this year all sessions met at the Langdale Church October 13 and 14. The Lanett Church, which was to have been the meeting place for the first day, is still without pews. Delegates and visitors drove to the Lanett Church the first day for lunch, and were treated to self-guided tours of the rebuilt structure. We were delighted at the progress made since the fire of more than a year ago.

Reports showed that nearly fifteen thousand dollars was given by Association churches to O.C.W.M. Officers elected were: Moderator, Allen B. Hollis Jr.; Vice Moderator, Joe A. French; Secretary, H. Paul Beaird; Treasurer, Ross McCormick. The committee structure of the Association was changed to correspond with those of the other associations of the Conference. Committees are as follows: *Church and Ministry*, W. Walter Hall, Chairman; A. R. Van Cleave and Olin Sheppard. *Christian Education*, Warren Blankenhorn, Chairman; J. K. Murphy and Mrs. Woodrow Mashburn. *Outreach*, Odell Yancey, Chairman; Joe Harris and John Rhodes.

The retiring Moderator, Ralph Worley, pastor of Lowell Church, Roanoke, called on the delegates and visitors to consider the importance of finding new tools for making the Church's witness relevant. He pointed out that although the Gospel is changeless, new ways of communication must be used. "We are often guilty of using methods that are at least thirty years' old," he said.

Slides were shown of the work of Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

ministers of the Association; standings of ministers was discussed, as well a future meetings for fellowship and further training.

Association officers elected were: Moderator, Winston Nobles; Vice Moderator, Sam Johnson Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Ballard; Member-at-Large to Southeast Conference Board of Directors, Freddie Powell.

Members of the Association were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Otto Culpepper in their midst. The Culpeppers have recently retired from Blackwood Community Church of South Alabama Association, and Mountain Creek Church, of Central Association.



TOP: A. R. Van Cleave

BOTTOM: Moderator Ralph Worley

Games Church People Play

1. *Drop the Handkerchief* — In this game a person accepts responsibility, then goes around the circle until he can drop it behind some unsuspecting person. Whereupon he runs very fast (usually out of town every Sunday) so he won't be caught.

2. *Tag* — This is a real fun game because it puts preachers at a disadvantage where the odds are 1,000 to 1. The rules of the game are very simple—in fact, there is only one: every time you visit me I'll come to church one Sunday (or tag me at home and I'll tag you in the pulpit). Sounds fair enough except with one person playing against several hundred, the preacher has a hard time knowing who's "It" all the time.

3. *Hide-and-Seek* — Now here is a game with lots of excitement and personal satisfaction. It goes something like this: A member of the congregation hides in bed, in a room, down a long corridor in the upper floor of a hospital. The object is for the preacher and the other members to find him. It's against the rules for anybody to tell the preacher. If the preacher loses the game, the member enjoys the victory of telling everybody, "I was in the hospital for two weeks and the preacher nor anyone from the church ever came to see me."

4. *Kick-Bawl* — Purpose: to demoralize the whole church. A small team is enough to play. How to play: kick about everything that is done, and bawl if you are asked to help.

(Adapted from *News and Notes*, First U.C.C., Nashville).

News from the Churches of the Southeast Conference

Christian Education Sunday At First Church, Nashville

On Sunday, Sept. 27, Christian Education Sunday was observed at First Church, Nashville, with a Service of Rededication of Christian Education leaders.

Both leaders and other members of First Church were reminded that Christian education is a joint venture to be undertaken by leaders and the total church body. Someone has said that all church members are included in the definition "Ministering Leadership" which finds its origin in the calling of Christians. It is part of the response the Christian makes to the New Testament words: "I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called." Since the Christian's calling is to all of life, it involves a ministry in Christ's name to the world. All Christians are ministers, all are called, all have the Vocation to be Christian in labor and worship, in study and service, and in leadership.

Let us together be more responsive to our vocation as Christians.

Mrs. Steve (Mabel) Peterson,
Chairman of Christian Education

The Editor of *First Church News & Notes* adds:

"He who was graduated yesterday, and stops learning today, is uneducated tomorrow."

Pilgrim, Chattanooga, Adopts Corporate Name

At a recent business meeting, the Pilgrim Chattanooga congregation discussed in detail the proposed Constitution. Two major questions had to do with the corporate name and the use of Special Funds.

Although there were many differences of opinion about the name, the corporate name adopted was *Pilgrim Congregational Church — United Church of Christ*. The Editor of *Pilgrim News* comments: "The corporate name we hope satisfies legal requirements, but even if we use the name, keep in mind we are an integral part of the United Church of Christ. If for local usage Pilgrim Congregational serves to identify us—for regional and national purposes, and our own best interests—help to educate others by use of the name 'United Church of Christ'."

It was decided to spell out the use of Special Funds when the new by-laws are presented.



LaGrange United Holds Enthusiastic Annual Meeting

Pastor Joe A. French, in his annual report, cited with enthusiasm that twenty-five members have been received into the LaGrange United Church during the past year. Not bad for a congregation that just a short time ago was struggling for mere survival.

The most significant and helpful event of the year, according to Joe, was a study of the Letters of St. Paul from February 1 through April 26. "On Sunday morning the minister preached a sermon on the book pointing up its spiritual message. In the evening service a film on the life of Paul was viewed and a leading layman from some LaGrange church reviewed the book. Following this were discussion groups for juniors, senior highs, and adults, who looked at the contents of the particular book."

There was also a look at the future: the need of an "over-all outreach for people and an inward downreach of training for the Christian life and service . . ." Such concerns were spelled out in terms of more lay home visitation, an active class for parents of young children, a study group on what it means to be a Christian, and more effective leadership training.

In addition to the various committees, which space does not permit us to list in detail, the following officers were elected: Church Clerk, Mrs. Emmett Bailey; Treas-

Snakes Spur Concern For Building

We have finally learned that snakes can have value in a church building. At least so reported Rev. James Williams, pastor of First Church, Sweetwater, Tenn., at the recent Alabama-Tennessee Association meeting. People in his church were rather lethargic about the need for considering remodeling or rebuilding until two snakes crawled through a window and frightened a Sunday School class. Since then, the parsonage telephone has been busy, with people asking their pastor, "What are we going to do about our building?" God moves in mischievous ways.

First Church, Chattanooga, Is Undergoing Study

First Congregational Church, U.C.C., Chattanooga, under the direction of Miss Pitcock, has begun an effort to re-think its mission in terms of Christ's call in 1970.

Some weeks ago Miss Pitcock was asked to speak at the 11 a. m. service on the role of laity in the church. This topic was considered especially timely because the congregation has no permanent pastor. At that time our Minister of Christian Education asked whether the First Church people would be interested in her returning periodically to work with them in two areas: 1. to re-think what it means to be a church called by Christ, using the Bible as the chief resource, and 2. what Christ calls First Congregational Church to do in its own place and time. Interest was expressed and the study has begun.

Members of the congregation received brief questionnaires asking for their feelings about what the Church is. Some of these have already been turned in. On Sunday, October 26, following the opening worship, members took the "sermon time" to divide into five small groups and discuss several New Testament passages relating to the nature of the Church.

First Congregational Church is located in downtown Chattanooga, at the corner of 9th and Lindsay Streets.

urer, Artis Hardy; Financial Secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brengle; Board of Deacons (for three years): Emmett Bailey, Craig Watkins, and Richard Beck. Board of Trustees (for three years): Robert Grengle, B. L. Allen, and W. T. Foster.

Size Unrelated To Effectiveness

Number-wise, all the churches in Robbins Parish, Tennessee, are small. But consider what is going on:

Deer Lodge sponsors Boy Scouts for the entire community which includes boys of several religious faiths; a Girl Scout Troop is being started. The U.C.C. is "the church" of the community. The Library Building is being repaired. Health Center plans are under way. The people of the church were very much involved in a Health Fair sponsored by Vanderbilt University Medical School.

Barton Chapel, Robbins, has among its small congregation people who are working with special education; the Thrift Shop is being refurbished; several young people belong to a Health Club which seeks to improve the health of people of the community.

Glenmary has recently repainted the interior of the church and has installed a new and attractive dorsal. Several people are involved with an indigenous arts and crafts shop in the community.

Rev. Annie R. Campbell is pastor of the Robbins Parish churches.

Church School Adult, Too!

Affirming that "Church School is not just for children!" the Church of the Savior, Knoxville, Tenn., announces the beginning on October 11, of two adult Sunday Church School classes "where persons will have an opportunity to broaden understanding and deepen their faith."

Adults who come to Church School may choose which class they wish to attend on the basis of the material being discussed. Each of the two classes will operate on a three-month basis, and it is important for persons to remain in the same group for that period of time."

Courses announced are: "Paul the Heretic", a study of the book of Galatians, utilizing the magazine *Enquiry* as a resource; and a course using four paperbacks, with different persons presenting each book: *Your God Is Too Small*; *The Image of Man and the Mass Media*; *The Gospel According to Peanuts*; and, *Why Black Power?*



Nutrition On Wheels In India

In Madras, India, the Nutrition on Wheels program of the Guild of Service and CASA (Christian Agency for Social Action, Relief and Development) provides food for 700 needy children. Above, a CASA jeep truck carries supplies to the Shenai Nagar slum area. CASA, which we help support through Church World Service, is one of the world's largest church-sponsored relief and rehabilitation agencies.

Tell US\$ Where The Money Goe\$ Item Corrected

How we wish it were true that "more than \$1,000,000 were allocated to evangelism in the United States (see October *Southeast News*): The correct figure for the UCBHM's budgeted support of the Division of Evangelism is \$118,815.

Research Supports Income Supplement Plan

Researchers at two universities and O.E.O. have tentative results from an experiment to see what low-income families do when given government subsidy to supplement their earnings.

Do such families quit work? On the contrary, they seem to work harder.

Of 1,359 families participating, 36 percent were black, 36 percent were white, and 28 percent were Spanish-speaking. The average family had four children, an income of \$4,248, and the parents had

United Presbyterian And UCC Bookstores Merge

In line with General Synod U.C.C. actions "stating clearly that wherever possible the ecumenical approach to operations, projects, etc. should be taken," negotiations were recently completed for merging the United Church Bookstore with the Westminster Book Stores. This merger was effective September 15, 1970.

Pastors should have received a copy of the complete Westminster Bookstores catalog containing a special United Church of Christ supplement. All items in the catalog and in the supplement, unless otherwise noted, will be available at and should be ordered from the Westminster Bookstores.

Some materials will continue to be handled by the Division of Publication U.C.C. The following items should be ordered from that Division, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19102.

1. PERIODICALS — Church School Curriculum, *Youth, Colloquy, Power*, and *Update*.
2. INQUIRIES regarding United Church Press (and Pilgrim Press) matters.
3. OFFERING ENVELOPES — U.C.C. Press.
4. PILGRIM HYMNAL — U.C.C. Press.
5. EVERY-SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE and occasional bulletins — Stewardship Council.

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less than a high school education. Some families were given income supplements of \$1,000. Others (the control group) were given nothing.

Results showed no decline in the work pattern of families which received income supplements. Instead, their earnings increased 35 percent. Interviews showed that the "low-income individual is strongly motivated toward work." 60 percent said they would work at two jobs to improve their status.

The cost of administering the supplement plan ranged from \$72 to \$96 per family. Present welfare administration costs from \$200 to \$300 per family—a huge potential saving!